# BOOKS AND AUTHORS--REVIEWS AND COMMENT

## LITERARY CRITICISM AND BOOK NEWS

Archdeacon Stuck's Winter Travels in Alaska-Religion and Social Problems in Popular Books-A Great Spanish Missionary.

is so subjective that it matters nothing whether his tour is in the Tropics or in the Arctic. There is the spe-cialist, who looks so closely for just the certain things which he went to see that he omits all else. There are also others; but, what is most to the present point, there is our good Dr. Stack, who seems most successfully to have stoided the evils and to have cultivated—or perhaps naturally to have been endowed with—the good qualities been endowed with—the good qualities of all the rest. Such a traveller is a man who regards all things with the comprehensive curiosity and searching intelligence and also with the sympathy and the sentiment of a man who pathy and the sentiment of a man who regard as irreverent, if not worse, the would-be epigram of an infidel propagation of the sentiment of a man who regard as irreverent, if not worse, the would-be epigram of an infidel propagation. answers to Terence's description of one

just such treatment as he has given to , seeing how generally and how strikingly it has been misunderstood. Some of us can remember when "Seward's Folly" was condemned as an uninhabiable and unimprovable wilderness. We have lived to see the pendulum

time he is observing and describing the effects of intense cold and the symptoms and sensations of freezing to death: "All of us who have travelled in cold weather know how uneasy and apprehensive a man becomes when the fingers grow obstinately cold and he realizes that he is not succeeding in setting them warm again. It is the be-

ingers grow obstinately cold and he realizes that he is not succeeding in getting them warm again. It is the beginning of death by freezing." At the next moment: "We were touched by one blind woman who told of a visit to a mission on the Yukon, and how she learned to sing a hymn there. Her son interpreted: 'She say every night she sing that hymn for speak to God.' She was encouraged to sing it, and it turned out to be the alphabet set to a tune!"

Now he pictures to us the wonders of the Aurora Borealis somewhat as Ruskin might have done it, and now he relates his experiences with dogs with a racy realism which Jack London would appreciate; particularly an incident with one which a passer-by fervently pronounced to be "the doggonedest dog I ever seen!" At one time he is convincingly arguing the need of stipendiary magistrates and a constabulary like the Mounted Police of the Canadian Northwest, and at another he is telling of his rereading of Boswell's Johnson by candle light in a dark hovel when the temperature outside was 65 degrees below zero. Now he describes the have wrought upon a smooth river trail by a train of army mules, of the last of which it was proclaimed that "her name was Maud," and now he tells of the singing of "Adeste Fideles" by a native congregation on the Koyukuk. by a native congregation on the Koyu-

An earnest appeal is made for the protection of the natives from the extermination with which they are threatened through the illicit liquor trade. There is scarcely an aboriginal

ALASKA.

TEN THOUSAND MILES WITH A DOG SILED. A Narrative of Winter Travel is interior Alies. By Hudson Studi. By Hudson Studies. Archideacom of the Yakon. Hustrated Svo. pp. xix. 420 Charles Scribber's Sons.

There are several kinds of travellers, or travel-writers. There is the severe scientist, who is simply an impersonal machine for observing and recording facts. There is the sentimentalist, who sets down little but the extravagant emotions which he has experienced and is so subjective that it matters nothing whether his town.

and a Serious Thinker.

"JENUS IS HERRY" Continuing the Nar-rative of "In His Steps." By Charles M. Shellen. Emo. pp. 186. The George H. Form Company.

Bouck White 12mo, pp. Doubleday, Page & Co.

sense that saying expresses a profound who is interested in all that interests truth. No man can fully conceive God, who is interested in an that interests the state of the s In his works interesting to all.

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illustrations from "Ten Thousand Miles with a Dog Sled by Archdeacon Stuck: Charles Scribner's Sons

ly they are accurate revelations of litical economy? Is it to address it-their makers. self primarily to the souls or to the bodies of men? He raises the quespictures is scarcely to be described as an epochal figure. He is negatively unhesitating confidence. The first rather than positively good. It is true that He is portrayed as exerting much Her task, he holds, is not to sell ground that the confidence of the church is spiritual.

gent students of the Gospels or to those gifted with spiritual imagination of illumination.

Dr. Thoms raises again the question of the mission of Christianity. Is the Church a spiritual or a material body? Is it to teach faith and morals, or political economy? Is it to address it-those Testaments has been very different to the student of the morals and his interests than the utterances of both the Testaments. But the personal attitude of many professed believers in those Testaments has been very different to the student of the many professed believers in a titlude of many professed believers in those Testaments has been very different to the student of the many professed believers in a titlude of many professed believers in the student of the many professed believer attitude of many professed believers in those Testaments has been very different. The logical inference is obvious; nor can we regard the author as upduly censorious in pressing it home. His terse and vigorous presentation of the matter should have a salutary effect at once in dispelling false votions of the duty and purport of the Church, and in reminding the members and leaders thereof of the only logical reason the Church has for its existence.

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Mr. White's conception of Jesus and of His attitude toward social and economic problems is as thoroughly up to date as a Cubist-Futurist painting. To his mind, Jesus was of course not divine, but was merely nichnamed the Son of David. He was a workingman who became embittered against wealth by His own lack of it, and who therefore became a socialist agitator. He was not primarily a teacher, but a door. But He was uncommonly threwd, particularly in self-advortising; and His entrance into Jerusalem before His crucifixion was a sort of Coxey's Army affair, with careful stage management and press agent work, all got up for self-exploitation and spectacular effect.

After this it is not at all surprising to find the author emphasizing and recomplusizing the doctrine that to speak of a good rich man is to make a contradiction in terms; that sin resides not in the misuse of wealth but in its ressession; and that the rich man in the parable—whom he calls Dives, as though that were his name—was sent to hell "simply and solely because he was rich." It would be unnecessary to carry consideration of the work further, save to remark upon the ingeniously studied faults which abound

MHEN THOUGHTS WILL SOAR A Romance of the immediate Future By Baroness Bettina von Suttner Translated by Nathan Haskeh Dole Emo. Dr. 448. (Heston The Houghton Mimin Company.

Frau von Suttner's last message to the world was published in this country only a few days before her death. It has been repeatedly stated that it has been repeatedly stated that "Ground Arms" was her real contributo carry consideration of the work fur-ther, save to remark upon the in-geniously studied faults which abound on almost every page—faults not of style but of elementary English com-position, and which are so pervasive as to provoke wonder as to the length of study and practice which enabled the author to achieve them.



# in Massachusetts.

IN FREEDOM'S BIRTHPLACE. A Study of the Ecston Negroes. By John Daniels. 12mm, pp. XIII, 499. The Houghton Mif-flin Computay.

In no part of the United States is the local history of the negro race more interesting and instructive than in Massachusetts, and particularly in the city of Boston and its immediate environs. The colony of Massachusetts Bay was one of the first in America to practise negro slavery, in 1638, Massachusetts with blood, some with political mark with blood, some with political sachusetts was also the first to sholish sachusetts was also the first to sholish slavery, in the decade between 1780 and 1790. In Boston a negro was the first of civilization and of Christianization.

John and Sarah Marlborough.

One of the earliest Englis martyr in the cause of American inde-pendence. Despite Washington's order but particularly from Cape San Lucas against it, free negroes were enrolled and served in the Continental army at and served in the Continental army at a cambridge, and excellent services were missions, which above all clee give rendered in the Revolutionary War by rendered in the Revolutionary War by a negro regiment from Rhode Island and a negro company from Massachusetts. It was a negro soldier who shot Pitzairn at Bunker Hill, and he and Gabriel, Monterey and all the rest encorns of his colored compands are considered.

Pitesirn at Bunker Hill, and he and some of his colored comrades are conspicuous in Trumbull's painting of that battle.

With these antecedents it was natural that the abolition movement should have its origin in Boston. At that time, it must be confessed, the negro was looked upon there and throughout New England with a certain degree of diafavor. The attitude of Miss Ophelia in "Uncle Tom's Cabin" was typical, and it was against this coldness of the nominal opponents of actual slavery that the movement for enfranchisement had to contend as much as against positive pro-slavery resistance. In these circumstances Boston was the scene of some of the most celebrated fugitive alsave cases, such as that of Latimer, which literally convented fugitive alsave cases, such as that of Latimer, which literally convented fugitive alsave cases, such as that of Latimer, which literally convented fugitive alsave cases, such as that of Latimer, which literally convented fugitive alsave cases, such as that of Latimer, which literally convented fugitive alsave cases, such as that of Latimer, which literally convented fugitive alsave cases, such as that of Latimer, which literally convented fugitive alsave cases, such as that of Latimer, which literally convented fugitive alsave cases, such as that of Latimer, which literally convented fugitive alsave cases, such as that of Latimer, which literally convented fugitive alsave cases, such as that of Latimer, which literally convented fugitive alsave cases, such as that of Latimer, which literally convented fugitive alsave cases, such as that of Latimer, which literally convented fugitive alsave cases, such as that of Latimer, which literally convented fugitive alsave cases, such as that of Latimer, which literally convented fugitive alsave cases, such as that of Latimer, which literally convented fugitive alsave cases, such as that of Latimer, which literally convented fugitive alsave cases, such as that of Latimer, which literally convented fugitive alsave cases, such as that of Lat

An Alaskan Chief and his Henchman

LEADING FEATURES OF JULY MAGAZINES Sunrise on the Chandalar Koyukuk Portage The River of Doubt-At Vera Cruz-A Tribute to

the Memory of Charles Dickens-Count Tolstoy and Ivan Tourgenieff.

In the July "Scribner's" Colonel, the Lizard," seen from afar by all visRoosevelt begins the narrative of his
discovery of the River of Doubt, which
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will be continued in that for November,
and concluded in that for November.
"In view of the discussion that has "In view of the discussion that has taken place about this river," he says, it is so in Henry Fielding Dickens's it is perhaps best to make this short statement: We put upon the map an unknown river, in length and volume roughly corresponding to the Elbe, the roughly corresponding to the Elbe, the Ehine and the Rhone and Saône. The hipe and course of this river, where we went down it, had never hitherto been traversed nor the adjoining country plicable exceptions, become his necessarily about 18 and 1 went down it, had never hitherto been ing. His readers, with lew and iner-traversed nor the adjoining country plicable exceptions, become his per-visited by any civilized man. The lower count friends now as in the days when course had for years been known to the appearance of a new novel of his the rubber men, but the cartographers was, according to the late Justin not only of Europe and the United McCarthy, an event of national inter-States, but of Brazil were so totally est. It is with Dickens the man rather

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Tribune's correspondent in Mexico, describes in "When a War Is Not a War" recent events and present conditions at Vera Cruz, including in his article the story of his adventures during his trip to Mexico City, his arrest country house, at which the guests ararticle the story of his adventures during his trip to Mexico City, his arrest and deportation. In "Who Is Silvia?" Alice Duer Miller deals fairly and understandingly with that side of masculine opposition to feminism which springs from the instinct of chivalry. "But," she continues, "not all the masculine opposition is on that high plane. It is one thing to be oldmasculine opposition to feminism which springs from the instinct of chivalry. "But," she continues, "not all the masculine opposition is on that high plane. It is one thing to be old-fashioned, and another to be primitive, and there is a force very primitive indeed at work here—man's elemental terror of woman, his belief that she is a stranger of another race, magical, a holder of unexplained power, a weaver of spells. This is a feeling that has always translated itself about as easily into the burning of witches as the worship of a goddess. Which way it has turned has depended more on the worship of a goddess. Which way it has turned has depended more on the good or evil that the sex emotion aroused in the man than on the conduct of the woman."

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lovers of literature to "The Diversions of a Convalescent," the convalescence having been his own after his recent having been his own after his recent passages describing the early stages of perfectly passive rest and peace, and then follow leisurely excursions of the memory into the field of letters, leading to a discovery of new beauties, new meanings in the men of Elizabeth's spacious period.

A young man asserts in "The Point of View" that our manners by which he means the manners of the American youther are not so bad; he is, at least, quite certain that they are no worse than those of the past few generations. James Huneker, returned from abroad, discourses on "The Melancholy of Masterpieces," and proceeds to assure us that American painting is still dependent upon that of Europe in matters of technique, However, "The question at issue is whether our new men have anything to say, and do they say it in a personal manner? I think the answer is a decided affirmative. We are pounded the contemporary swim we are to conte

the Lightship in this city, founded by Winifred Holt for the aid and comfort of the blind, above all to enable them to find contentment and happiness in self-supporting work. "It is almost impossible to estimate just what Winifred Holt and her army of untiring workers have done for the sightless, but it may be truly said that to-day House history the blind are touching life. ed to From its small beginning, in 1903, with Once, a ticket bureau for the blind, to which managers gave unsold seats at theatres, concerts and operas, and wealthy philanthropists loaned yachts, carriages and country estates, the work has branched out until now Miss Holt has succeeded in bringing within reach of the sightless the opportunities and the training necessary for useful and happy lives. She believes it to be necessary first to teach the blind man that he must live, and, second, that he must live happily."
The Lighthship is aiming to give them light—light through work, to bring them in the morning to labor, to tempt them out again in the evening to diversion, to canture some of the near version, to capture some of the pleasures of the world for these souls, who need it so much. But the Lightship is fighting not only the battle of yesterday and to-day, but, most important of all, the battle of to-morrow—the battle for the children of the poor and the outcast who may be averaged from to the B. Museum in 1874, and no other has since turned up. It proved to be the copy which Shelley presented to Mary Godwin in 1814, with her name printed on the cover, and the errata written in by Shelley himself.

Pauline Bonaparte.

Something better worth while than the familiar biography à scandale of British manufacture may be expected in the late Hector Fleishmann's study of Pauline Bonaparte, announced by John Lane. M. Fleishmann was known in France as one of the foremost authorities on the subject of Napoleon

> than the ocean carrying trade. Nearly one half of the contents of this number is devoted to fiction, in defe-ence to the tradition that midsummer is the time for light reading. "ALL.OUT.OF.PRINT.BOOKS"
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> ment probably still holds good that American capital continues to be more profitably invested in other enterprise

# recognition of the handicap which he suffers, and the progress which he is slowly but surely making is judiciously hoted. Abundant appendices contain many statistical tables giving valuable data concerning the present condition of the negroes of Boston and of Massachusetts generally, the net impression produced by which seems to justify the author's optimistic conclusion that "this people will eventually attain the position at once of self-respect and worthy recognition. In new and fuller ways the two contrasted races must and will find common cause." It in a personal manner? I think the anewer is a decided affirmative. We can't compete with the great names in the contemporary swin we are to the adventurous, and the world is full fairly hold our own." So note beyond the bounds of the city walls and none homorist, begins the story of a trip bounds of the city walls and none of the negroes of Boston and of Massachusetts generally, the net impression produced by which seems to justify the author's optimistic conclusion that "this people will eventually attain the position at once of self-respect and worthy recognition. In new and fuller ways the two contrasted races must and will find common cause." It in a personal manner? I think the anewer is a decided affirmative. We can't compete with the great names in the contemporary win we are to the enternous art, but in the contemporary sum we art, but in the contemp

carried to success, is described by Irms. His Past, Present and Future A BUILDER OF THE WEST Dr. Leyds's Second Book on the Conquest of the Boer Republics-The First Marlboroughs-A Nietzsche Memorial-Book Hunters' Luck.

One of the earliest English books forgotten what they were. of the autumn promises to be an A Happy Find. authoritative work by Dr. Stuart Reid In the "Letters on "John and Sarah, Duke and Duchess of Marlborough. It is based on in England, are found some fascinat-the historical, military and family ing stories of his adventures in search papers at Blenheim Palace, which ere classified years ago by Dr. Reid. The book describes not merely the ascendancy of the imperious Sarah at the Court of Queen Anne, but, what s more important, all the great batis more important, all the great pat-ties of her illustrious husband viewed in the light of letters hitherto un-published. The present Duke of Marlhorough contributes an intro-

JUNIPERO SERRA. The Man and His Work. By A. H. Fitch. With fifeen illustrations from photographs and a Man. 12mo. pp. ril, 364. Chicago: A. C. McClurg & Co.

There are few names of early European pioneers more nobly written upon the map of the West than that of Fray Junipero Serra. Some made their mark with blood, some with political advantage, some with geographical remarks with geographical remarks with geographical remarks with the man of the West than that of Fray Junipero Serra. Some made their mark with blood, some with political advantage, some with geographical remarks with g having the names blank, as he had

In the "Letters of Edward Dowden and His Correspondents," just published of rare books in Dublin. His greatest find was made in 1883, on a pedler's cart on O'Connell Bridge:

All books on the back of the car, twopence each," was sung out by a small vendor. I saw, but could not small vender. I saw, but could not believe I saw, a volume in calf, let-tered "Refutation of Deiam." This is the lost book by Shelley, of which no copy was known until I sold one to the B. Museum in 1874, and no other has since turned up. It proved to be the copy which Shelley pre-sented to Mary Godwin in 1814, with her name printed on the cover, and

John Lane. M. Fleishmann was known in France as one of the foremost authorities on the subject of Napoleon and his era.

The Yale University Press.

Now that the Yale University Press has become an established fact, it is interesting to learn of the number of men who suggested the idea without being able to follow it up as did Pressident George Parmly Day. Among the earliest suggestions is that of Benjamin Franklin, in a manuscript letter owned by the Yale University Library.

Franklin sutfined his plan to William Strahan, under date of October 27, 1753, from Philadelphia:

I am now about to establish a without fault in the matter. Assorbed in the matter, Assorbed in the matter, Assorbed in the matter. Assorbed in the matter, Assorbed in the matter, Assorbed in the matter. Assorbed in the matter, Assorbed in the matter, Assorbed in the matter, Assorbed in the matter. Assorbed in the matter, Assorbed in the matter, Assorbed in the matter, Assorbed in the matter. Assorbed in the matter, Assorbed in the matter in the matter. Assorbed in the matter, Assorbed in the matter in the matter, Assorbed in the matter in the matter. Assorbed in the matter is properly in the seems to have been in his attitude a trace of patronage which antagonized the younger man. Dotolevsky, too, resented this attitude is Tourgenieff, and spoke of it with bitterness. Arnold Bennett's yachting trip in the Netherlands continues to yield colorful material. Agnes C. Laut's paper on "The Natien without a Ship," apropos of the Pansorbed in the Netherlands continues to yield colorful material. Agnes C. Laut's paper on "The Natien without a Ship," apropos of the Pansorbed in the Netherlands continues to yield colorful material. Agnes C. Laut's paper on "The Natien without a Ship," apropos of the Pansorbed in the Netherlands continues to yield colorful material

## The Founder of the California Missions.

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